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ood Reason To Walk On Air

Tornadoes and other violent storms have atedly swept through portions of North lina in recent months, causing severe dam- nd disrupting electric service for extended ods. Families who go through such outages gain a new appreciation for electricity doing without it for a few days. That's what ened to John Vanvig and his wife recently they lost power in Washington for four Vanvig, a writer for the National Rural ric Cooperative Association, wrote the fol- ng column about their experience.

The clock radio switched on and I grinned epy grin as I listened to this bedside marvel dcasting the latest news and weather mation.

Soon, I was humming a happy tune as I ed in front of a well-lighted mirror. And ly after that, the crowning triumph of the ning's treats: a hot English muffin, straight the toaster, with cold orange marmalade, from the fridge. I beamed at breakfast.

Except for the overflowing cheerfulness in thing I did, this morning was little different any other morning in my adult life. What apart from thousands of others, aside from ncredible happy glow, was that this morn- had electricity again—after more than four half powerless days.

So I had good reason to walk on air that lay morning. We were just finishing our 4 hours of being fully connected to the f the world after about 110 straight hours age—a long period of eerie isolation in the e of the nation's capital.

Of course, we weren't alone, my wife, Jane, For one thing, we had a house full of any throughout the ordeal, but that's not 'm talking about. This outage, though rel- small in area, disrupted many, many lives.

The peak of the power crisis had come four efore when a second violent storm blew h just 24 hours after the first one. When ched that peak, more than 200,000 people in the Washington area were in the dark as 172,000 homes and businesses went without power. That amounts to nearly a third of Potomac Electric Power Company's 625,000 accounts.

Some 1,000 workers (many on loan from seven other area utility systems) struggled through five grueling days to restore power and get 800 dangerous live wires off the ground.

The power company gave away 450,000 pounds of dry ice to blacked-out customers trying to save fridges full of food (Jane and I got one of those pounds).

Meanwhile, more than 74,000 phone calls poured into power company headquarters during the outage (two of them from me).

But all those numbers obscure what was most important to Jane and me and, of course, our bemused guests: We had no cold juice. No TV news. No music on the stereo. No clean clothes. No air conditioning. No toast in the mornings. I could go on and on. The outage sure did.

Jane started wondering early on Day 2 whether the power company knew we existed and were still without power. Her uncertainty was understandable. The homes across the back yard fence got their electricity back the evening of Day 3, while we were still learning not to reach for lamp or light switches.

Even worse, for some perverse reason the neighbors across the front yard, in our very own townhouse complex, had power for the duration. On the evening of Day 4, as I watched from my darkened window, a powerless and now desperate neighbor scampered across the yard carrying a very long extension cord and knocked on a well-lighted front door. Jane, our guests, and I entertained ourselves for a few minutes wondering what she'd plug in. The TV? A fan? How about a lamp? We all sighed and blew out our shrinking candles.

A neighbor of ours, a Peace Corps veteran who served in the Sudan, tried to take the sting out of the situation one night with a tale of

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Cover Artwork: "Beside Luther's Ba

Our cover this month features an original painting by Katherin Skipper of Lexington. It's titled, "Beside Luther's Barn."

The veteran artist and art teacher is offering limited edition pri the image as the first full color reproduction of her work.

Mrs. Skipper said she discovered the scene in the painting whi wandering around the grounds of the late Luther Leonard's homepl Happy Hill Road west of Lexington. The property is now owned by ard's daughter, Marie Hinson, who had asked Mrs. Skipper to visit th property in order to do a painting of an old barn.

The bucket was hanging there beside the blackberry bush as if "just waiting for someone to come by and use it for blackberry pick again," the artist said.

Mrs. Skipper, an Anson County native who is a member of Pee Electric Membership Corporation, Wadesboro, has had seven one-v shows and once served as a "Third Century Artist" under a progran North Carolina Arts Council. She also served as the first full-time di of the Davidson County Art Gallery. About two years ago, she joine with several other artists to establish the First Avenue Gallery in Le as a showcase for their work and that of other area artists.

The prints of "Beside Luther's Barn," which have an image are 13 1/4" by 16" with a white border, are priced at $40 each plus $5 shipping and handling. Mail orders to First Avenue Gallery, 18 W. Fi Street, Lexington, NC 27292. Make checks and money orders payal the gallery.

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Readers:

Even if you're not a sports fan, I think you'll our feature on Roger Craig, the Durham who has been a pro baseball standout g his long career as a major league player, and manager.

He's currently manager of the San Fran- Giants, a team he has led to a 1987 division nd a resurgence of Bay area popularity.

The profile of Craig, which begins on page our first offering in a new recurring fea- itled, "A Tar Heel Born." It'll encompass s about native North Carolinians who've a name for themselves outside their home The next profile in the series will be on Wicker, the distinguished author and *New Times* columnist. He's a native of Hamlet.

'd also like to call special attention to this n's "Grits," column, pages 30-31. One of its offers an interesting perspective on the ges that have occurred in the management state's electric co-ops since 1951. Another is a follow-up on the July item about Mrs. ge ("Aunt Sallie") Parnell of Rt. 22, Lexing- ho turned 102 July 29. A related piece is the origin of the popular birthday salute, y Birthday To You."

heard the story from Dr. H. Edwin Pickard, of Raleigh's White Memorial Presbyterian h. He kindly passed along his source for it: titled *Extraordinary Origins of Everyday s* by Charles Panati. It was published by r and Row.

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ur space last month didn't allow us to e these updates on a couple of artists work has been featured on our cover in t:

Bob Henley, whose "Winter Hiding— ," was on our cover last January, is offer- ited edition prints of another rabbit g. Titled, "Mother's Day," the image has a rabbit keeping watch over her babies in gtime scene. The print is priced at $65. re information, write to Top Drawer, 209 d Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101.

• Teresa Pennington, the Haywood County artist who specializes in colored pencil drawings, has a new limited edition print of a mountain scene with rhododendron in the foreground. It's titled, "Smoky Mountain Morning." Ms. Pennington's "Gatherings" was featured on our cover in September, 1988.

The new print is priced at $40 plus $3.50 for shipping and 5 percent North Carolina sales tax. For more information or to place an order, write to the artist at T Pennington Art Gallery, 105 Church St., Waynesville, NC 28786. For charge card orders, call her at (704) 452-9284.

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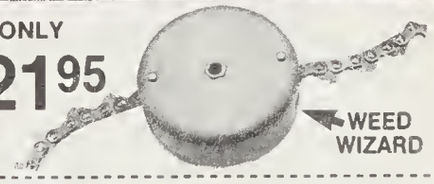

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Date	Electric Membership Corporation	Time	Location
August			
26	Roanoke, Rich Square	Registration: 11:00 a.m. Business Meeting: 1:00 p.m.	EMC Headquarters Arena, Rich Square
September			
9	Albemarle, Hertford	Registration: 12:30 p.m. Business Meeting: 2:00 p.m.	Perquimans County High School, Hertford
9	Haywood, Waynesville	Registration: 8:30 a.m. Business Meeting: 10:30 a.m.	Tuscola High School, Waynesville

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NCEMC's 1989-19 Scholarship Award To N. C. State Jun

A North Carolina State University j has been awarded the N. C. Electric Me ship Corporation (NCEMC) engineerir scholarship for 1989-90.

Laura Krabill of Wilson, an electric engineering major at NCSU, will divide scholarship between her final two year study, and will serve a summer internsl an EMC between her junior and senior

The $2,000 sch arship is designed t a junior electrical e neering major at NC who has an interest trical power engine an outstanding scho record and leadersh potential.

Krabill has an a of nearly 4.0 at NCS is a member of the Institute of Electric Electronics Engineers.

A 1987 graduate of Wilson's Hunt School, she is the daughter of Dr. and M Lawrence Krabill of Wilson.

The scholarship, which was first a in 1987, was established by NCEMC to a commitment to the study of enginee because of its importance in the opera electric cooperatives across the state.

George Ferrell, director of planni engineering at NCEMC, the power sup of the statewide EMC organization, sai scholarship winner's summer internsh help the EMCs as well as the recipient

"We believe that by exposing the i to the EMCs across the state, this will h co-ops recruit some of them," said Fer "We feel the scholarship is an effective EMCs to attract some of the brightest g neering graduates to their staffs."

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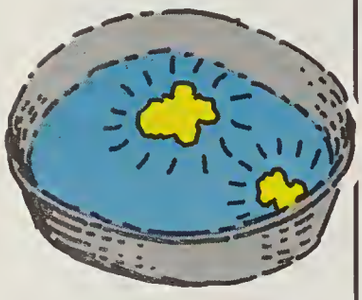
Panning Contest Set At Gold Mine

Gold nuggets will be offered as prizes in the North Carolina Open Gold Panning Championship Sept. 9 at Reed Gold Mine State Historic Site in Stanfield.

Speed panning competitions will be held for adult and junior divisions (14 and under), with a $100 gold nugget as the top prize in the adult division and a $75 gold nugget as the top prize for juniors.

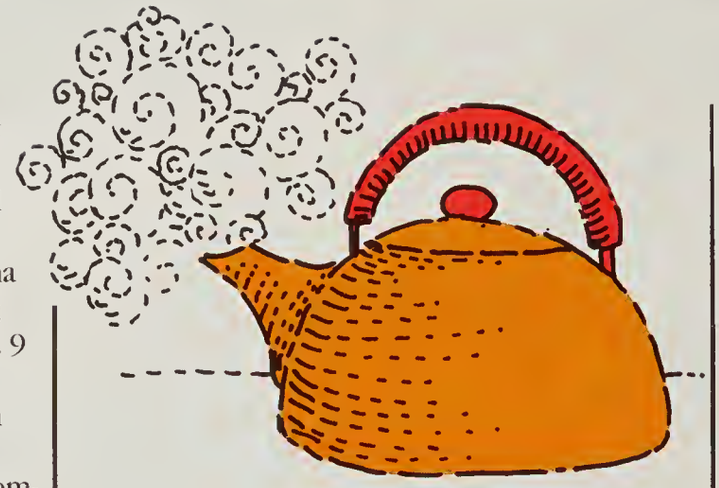


Entry fees are $5 for adults and $3 for juniors.

The event will also include demonstrations, exhibits, tours and an historical film. Gold panning for the public will be offered for a fee of $1.

Reed Gold Mine is situated on Reed Gold Mine Road off NC 24/27 about 23 miles east of Charlotte.

For more information, write or call the mine at Rt. 2, Box 101, Stanfield, NC 28163. Phone: (704) 786-8337.



Gallery Slates Teapot Show

Teapots from some of the nation's finest craftsmen will be on display at the Cedar Creek National Teapot Show from July 29 through Aug. 28 in Creedmoor.

The show will take place at the Cedar Creek Gallery in Creedmoor—about 10 miles north of Durham on Interstate 85. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

For more information, write or call the Cedar Creek Gallery of American Crafts at Rt. 2, Box 420. Creedmoor, NC 27522. Phone: (919) 528-1041.

Antique Gun Show Set In Greensboro

Antique weapons and relics will be featured at the Sixth Annual Carolina Antique Only Gun and Civil War Show, Sept. 23-24, in Greensboro.

The show, sponsored by the Col. John Sloan Camp Chapter of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, will showcase numerous antique Civil War items in addition to other valuable guns and weapons—all made before 1898.

David Condon, one of the most prominent antique arms dealers in the nation, will be on hand to display his collection.

The show, to be held at the Depot, 300 E. Washington St., will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. the first day and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. the second. Admission is $4 for adults and $2 for children under 12.

For more information, contact the Carolina Antique Gun Show, 251-A N. Greene St., Greensboro, NC 27401. Phone: (919) 274-4758.

EMC Directors Get New Terms

Four incumbents were re-elected to the Board of Directors of Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation, Lenoir, at its recent annual meeting.

Re-elected were: Johnnie R. Austin of Rt. 4, Boone; Charles A. Suddreth of Rt. 5, Lenoir; John Woodruff of Sparta and Charles C. Edwards of Rt. 1, West Jefferson.

Board officers for the coming year are: Johnnie R. Austin, president; Thomas Cockerham of Jefferson, vice president; Charles A. Suddreth, secretary-treasurer and John Woodruff, assistant secretary-treasurer.

Embers Slated To Perform At Colorfest '89

More than 10,000 people are expected to turn out to hear the beach music performers, The Embers, at Colorfest '89, Sept. 9, in Henderson.

The festival, sponsored by the Henderson-Vance County Chamber of Commerce, will feature food, crafts, and children's entertainment—all in downtown Henderson.

For more information, write or ca Henderson-Vanc County Chambe Commerce, P.O 1302, Henderso 27536. Phone: (438-8414.

Toy Boats On Display At Museum

A collection about 50 toy bo dating from the through the mi 1950s, will be o play, Sept. 1 thr Nov. 26, at the Carolina Mariti Museum in Bea

The exhibit, Golden Age of Boats," is drawi the collection o lisher Malcolm Many of the bo warships and o liners, but there also ferries, tug and gondolas.

There is no a sion charge for exhibit. For mo formation, cont museum, 315 F Beaufort, NC 2 Phone: (919) 728-7317.

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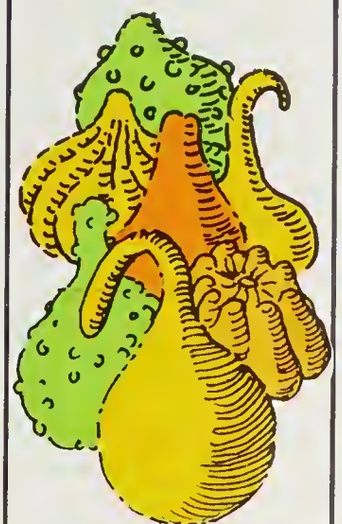
In another section, visitors will see artifacts arranged in various settings for future museum exhibits.

"The Museum Collects" will remain on view through mid-1991, when the museum begins moving to its new facilities.

Admission is free. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday; 1-6 p.m. Sundays; closed Mondays.

The N. C. Museum of History, an agency of the Department of Cultural Resources, is located at 109 E. Jones St., Raleigh. Phone: (919) 733-3894.



Gourds Festival Set In Cary

Gourds in all shapes and sizes will be featured at the 47th Annual Gourd Festival, Sept. 9-10, in Cary.

The festival, sponsored by the Gourd Village Garden Club, the American Gourd Society and the Cary Parks and Recreation Department, will feature crafts, movies and music—all with a gourd theme.

The festival will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. the first day; 1-5 p.m. the second.

For more information, write to Mary Ann Rood, Rt. 5, Box 210, Apex, NC 27502 or call (919) 362-4357.

Siler City Set To Celebrate Chicken Festival

A parade, crafts, entertainment and plenty of poultry will be served up Aug. 24-26 at the Chicken Festival in Siler City.

The three-day event, which will take place at various sites around the city, will also feature an air show from 1 to 5 p.m. on the final day at the Siler City Airport.

For more information on the festival, call the Siler City Chamber of Commerce at (919) 742-3333.

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- Crew members of the *USS Borum* DE 790 will be holding a reunion, Sept. 25-26, in Atlantic City, NJ. For more information, contact Lem Beatty, 69 Lake Rd., Morristown, NJ 07960. Phone: (201) 538-4593.
- The Patrol Craft Sailors Association will be holding a reunion next May in St. Louis, MO. The association is a nonprofit organization for members of PC, SC and 16 other types of Navy "small ships." For more information, contact Joe Kelliher, P.O. 232, Cambridge, NY 12816.
- World War II veterans of Company G, 389 Inf. 98 Div., contact J. D. Bishop, 161 Yates Cove Rd., Waynesville, NC 28787. Phone: (704) 627-6628.

Gallery Exhibit To Feature Top Basket Weavers

The Morning Star Gallery in Foscoe is currently featuring an exhibit of baskets by five nationally recognized weavers with a variety of unique artistic styles. All baskets on display are for sale.

The gallery, located at Country Village House on Highway 105 South, between Boone and Linville, is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday and Monday.

For more information on the exhibit, write or call the gallery at Rt. 1, Box 454, Banner Elk, NC 28604. Phone: (704) 963-6902.

Photo Exhibit Set At UNC

Photographs by Chapel Hill native Luke Powell will be on display at the University of North Carolina's International Center, Sept. 11 through Oct. 19.

Powell, whose unique dye transfer process has been exhibited worldwide, has traveled widely throughout Asia—with his photographs reflecting his adventures.

His exhibit, "The Afghan Folio," has been displayed in Canada and at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, DC.

For more information, call the International Center at (919) 962-5661.

Civil War Prints In Dallas Exhibit

Art work and artifacts with a Civil War theme are on display through Sept. 17 at the Gaston County Museum in Dallas.

The exhibit, "The Confederate Image: Prints of the Lost Cause," features more than 50 prints covering various aspects of the Civil War—ranging from battles to portraits of Southern leaders.

The Gaston County Museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and Sunday from 2-5 p.m. For more information on the exhibit, contact the Museum at P.O. Box 429, Dallas, NC 28034. Phone: (704) 922-7681.

Rummage Sale Slated In Boone

A wide range of items will be up for sale at the Watauga County Humane Society's Annual Rummage Sale, 25-26, in Boone.

Proceeds from sale will support society's low-co and neuter prog The sale is sche for 9 a.m. to 6 p the National Gu Armory in Boon State Farm Roa and soft drinks available for pu

Enfield Set For Big Celebratio To Honor The Little Ol' Peanu

A big celebration is planned for the Ol' Peanut Sept. 16 at the Third Annual P Festival in Enfield.

The festival, sponsored by the Enfiel Chamber of Commerce, will take place fi 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. along the town's Main S Crafts, exhibits, food and plenty of peanu be on hand during the day-long event.

Entertainment will be in ample supp ing the day with performances by the Ba Oz and Liquid Pleasure—in addition to t Rocky Mount Barber Shop Quartet and t Masonic Knights gospel group.

The festival will also highlight the m ery used in harvesting peanuts with a dis antique farm equipment.

Festival T-shirts and sweatshirts will sale at the event, but can also be purchas the mail. T-shirts are $8 while sweatshirt $12. To order, send a check to Enfield Ch of Commerce, P.O. Box 625, Enfield, NC

' Gets Honor

H. Kelley, direc- he Research s Division in rth Carolina ment of Agri-, has been ne Superior Award by Agri- Commissioner tham.

y has been divi- ector since e oversees ment of 15 h stations and operation of four state farms.

"Pat has shown strength of purpose, creativity, vision and a dedication to improve the quality of life for North Carolinians through agricultural research," Graham said.

"Pat's innovation means improved employee productivity and morale and more cost-efficient state government."

Kelley has established a safety committee and has staff safety meetings at each research station, developed a broad management training program and keeps supervisors updated on state personnel policies. To improve communications, Kelley designed a computerized program for research station activities and established a divisional newsletter.

Ramseur Festival Registration To Close Aug. 30

Food and craft vendors who are interested in the Oct. 21 Fall Festival in Ramseur, will have until Aug. 30 to reserve booth space.

The festival, which will take place along the town's Main Street, will run from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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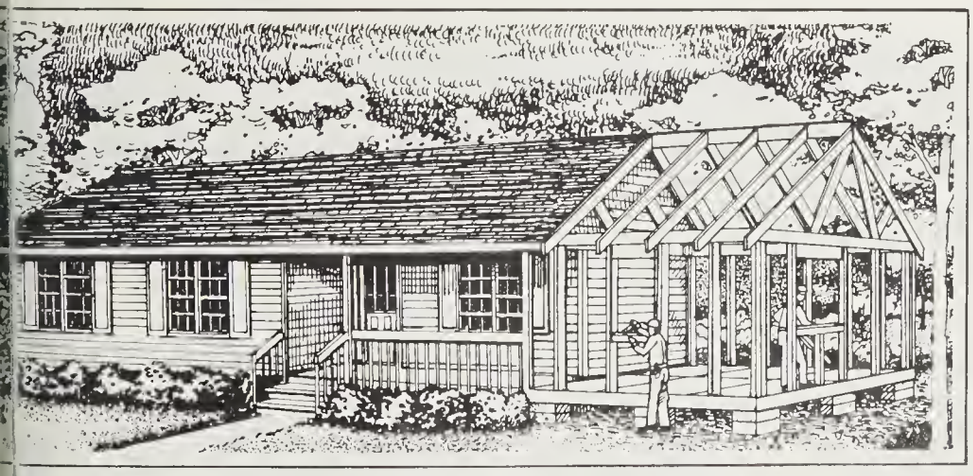

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Roger Craig Conjuring Bay Area Mag

If Roger Craig could find country ham in California, he'd probably admit to having it all.

Still, the 59-year-old Durham native isn't complaining too loudly. There aren't many folks who have been a part of four World Series baseball championships and can brag about having one of the best jobs around—managing the San Francisco Giants.

He makes his home in California, but Craig still has plenty of the Tar Heel country boy left in him.

During the off-season, he raises and rides horses at his ranch outside of San Diego. And when he's not talking baseball, he likes to watch Atlantic Coast Conference basketball games on TV, with the help of his satellite dish.

An outstanding athlete at Durham High in the late 1940s, the 6-foot-4 Craig earned a basketball scholarship at N. C. State. But after a year there, yet another opportunity came along.

"I had a chance to play pro baseball," said Craig. "I wasn't doing too well in my studies, so

I talked it over with my Dad—and he let

One of 10 children, Craig says his up ing has helped him become successful as athlete and coach. He recalled an inciden illustrates the kind of family support he e He borrowed a bus token from his father see the elder Craig walking home from w next day. His father had sacrificed his last

"My mom and dad were very special ple," Craig said. "I don't think my dad eve over $40 a week. I don't know how they 10 children."

Craig's family support proved to be tant as he moved into pro ball because th to the big leagues was hardly easy. He ma steady climb up the ranks of the Brooklyn Dodger organization—except for two ye military service—and earned a spot with main club in 1955.

A nagging injury to his pitching arm pered Craig during most of his career. H he was able to help the Dodgers to World

Durham native Roger Craig has had a career of ups and downs in baseball. He's been part of four World Series championship teams but lost his first manager's post—with the San Diego Padres—after just two seasons. As manager of the San Francisco Giants, he took the team from its worst season ever to a division title in 1987.

n 1955 and 1959. Later in his career, he won a World Series game the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Boston Red Sox in 1964.
n between, Craig spent 1962 and 1963 with the lowly New York who were just getting started in the National League. Craig lost 46 in two seasons—18 in a row at one stretch.

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Craig says this roller-coaster career has helped to make him one of the top managers in the major leagues.

"I've had my ups and downs. I've seen every way there is to lose a game. So, when a pitcher of mine has lost a couple in a row, I know how to relate to him. I've been there!"

And throughout those ups and downs, Craig's wife, Carolyn—another North Carolina native—has been with him. In 37 years of marriage, she's heard plenty of baseball talk.

ome people say they don't bring their work home. Not me," Craig take everything home. But she sits and listens to everything I have She lets me get it off my chest. That helps a lot."

ter his playing days ended in 1966, Craig immediately went into ng. By 1969, he had become the pitching coach for the San Diego After stints with the Houston Astros and Los Angeles Dodgers, ot his first big call in 1978—as manager of the San Diego Padres. e first season, Craig guided the Padres to a rare winning record. er, in his second season the Padres were hit with numerous injuries nd themselves sinking back to their old ways. By the end of the sea- aig was fired.

hurt me to be fired by San Diego because I knew I was doing a b—I did everything I could," Craig said. "We won 84 games one e next season, we had a slew of injuries. But that's just baseball."

t, Craig's career was far from over. For the next five seasons, he was hing coach for the Detroit Tigers—seeing that club take the World tle in 1984. Then came his second big call—as manager of the San co Giants.

e job was no plum. San Francisco had just come off its worst season d attendance was poor.

t now, going into his fourth full year, Craig has been able to con- some Bay Area magic. He turned the Giants into winners in 1986, n the division title in 1987. Fans have come back to Candlestick see the Giants, and Craig's pet phrase of "Humm Baby" is a popular round the city. That's music to Roger Craig's ears.

says he's now as happy as he's ever been. Sure, there are some es: injured players, losing streaks, long road trips and second- g sports writers. But Craig says he wouldn't trade it for anything. of the uniform and sound of a line-drive base hit is enough to get ough the day.

e best thing about managing is the pride you have in your job," asts. "I'm with a great organization—the Giants—and every day I y uniform I feel proud."

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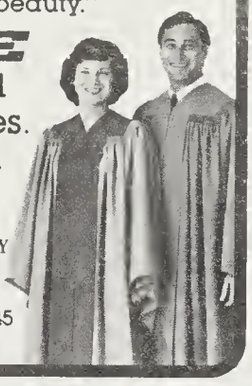

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Political Articles Should "Simply State The Facts"

I never write letters to magazine edit but this time I really felt *compelled* to stat opinion. This is regarding the article on S Sam Nunn in the June issue. If you feel you include political articles in this magazine, not just simply state facts and leave the "p and one's "opinions" out of it. Remember are two sides to everything; and just beca Sam Nunn thinks "this is wrong" or "that work" doesn't mean that he is always righ

You have a fine magazine. I'm probal of the few in my age group that actually r (under 30). But I like to form my own po opinions and dislike trying to be influenc others.

Teresa Phillips, Rt. 1, Bea

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HANK'S GARDENING GUIDE

Summer-listlessness, summer doldrums and summer vacations tempt us to suspend gardening activities. But this is a critical period for such shrubs as azalea, camellia, boxwood and rhododendron. A lack of soil moisture now will weaken these plants, making them less resistant to winter damage. Winter's only a few months away.

With or without water, weeds thrive in this weather if they are not restrained.

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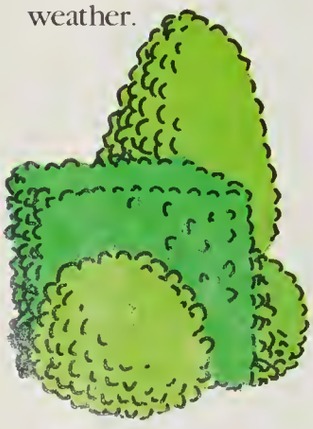

Pruning Hedges

Late summer is an ideal time to give hedges their final clipping for the season. If pruned later you run the risk of inducing tender new growth that can be injured by cold weather.

There's Much To Recommend Hardy "Heavenly Bamboo"

Folks sometimes shy away from nandinas because they are so common throughout the area. However, much good can be related about this "step-child" of the landscape world. Few shrubs are as drought-resistant.

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Clusters of small white flowers appear in the spring. These develop into bright red berries that hold on to contribute winter color. New foliage in the spring is a bronzy red in color. This changes to a light green which darkens to a rich glossy green in the autumn. Nandinas grown in the shade develop a bluish cast to the foliage. Plants growing in the sun often take on a purplish-tinge if the winter is accented by severe cold spells.

Pruning is an important factor in growing nandina. If grown unpruned, plant clumps tend to become top-heavy with long bare stems. They can be compared to several open umbrellas with their handles planted in the ground.

Pruning should begin after plants are about three years old. Most nandinas will have developed into a clump growth which is rather dense in form. Pruning should be in late February or early March, about the time that new growth appears. Canes should be cut at different heights. This will encourage foliage to develop at different levels, resulting in leafy fullness from the ground to the top of the shrub. Very tall rangy stems can be cut at ground level. After pruning, apply about a cup of 10-10-10 fertilizer per clump.

Nandina clumps can be transplanted during late fall and winter months. Dig a large ball of soil with the roots.

"Harbor Dwarf" grows only two feet tall and often is used as a ground cover. It has bright bronzy-green winter foliage. "Compacta" is a dense plant that grows to about four feet in height. It has brilliant red foliage in the winter. Both of these usually are used in the landscape because of their size and winter color rather than for their berries.

New Tomatoes From Old

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By Hank Smith

cond Chance Petunias

unias are among siest to grow of nuals. From late g through early ner they bloom sely, requiring care other than ving faded ns. But during mmer weather ave a tendency cline in vigor and r production. u may notice ly stems and a ty of leaves and s. Plants need ng, feeding and ing. Trim plants hape them but cutting back ard woody h. Clip away e outer tips. e plants an appli- of complete er, such as and water thor- . This treatment l rejuvenate o produce an ance of blooms ost.

12 Tasks For Your Current "To-Do" List

1. For larger dahlia blooms, remove all but one bud in each cluster.

2. When foliage begins to yellow, dig gladiolus corms for winter storage.

3. Thin strawberries to six to eight inches each way between plants.

4. Start pansies from seed for winter and spring plantings.

5. Take soil tests for areas to be planted this fall.

6. Stop pinching tip growth of chrysanthemums to allow for flower bud set.

7. Pick pears as they reach mature size; they will not ripen well on the tree.

8. Water shallow-rooted plants every five days during dry periods (dogwood, blueberries, azaleas.)

9. Spray rose bushes every ten days.

10. Cut back foliage and divide iris rhizomes.

11. Cut faded blooms from vitex and crepe myrtle as healthy plants of these will bloom again before frost.

12. Cut back daylily foliage and divide any crowded clumps.

Co-ops To Continue Supporting Revised Rural Development Bill

The nation's 1,000 non-profit rural electric cooperatives will continue to support the Rural Partnerships Act, the rural economic development bill that has cleared the Senate Agriculture Committee.

Bob Bergland, executive vice president of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, which represents the co-ops in Washington, said that a handful of damaging 11th-hour changes in the measure nearly cost it the support of the co-ops, but that the national association will stand behind the bill.

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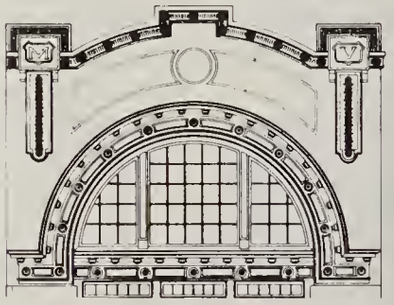

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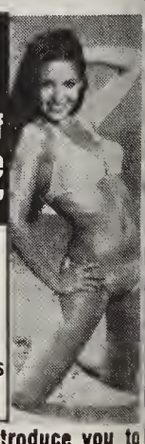

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blackouts in Khartoum. His building's water service depended on electric pumps, he recalled; no power meant no water, either. "So count your blessings," he concluded with (to his credit) heavy sarcasm.

It didn't help, of course. We weren't in the Third World, for heaven's sake. We were in the nation's capital, in the late 1980s, in the hot early summer.

And we didn't have power.

The guests left before the lights came back on. Jane and I threw out the last of the dripping food. It was Sunday evening, and the lights had been out since Wednesday. Our little community of powerlessness shared rumors and news: Only 10,000 homes still had no electric service, one said; another heard that it was down to 6,000 very tough cases, with little hope of restoration before Tuesday. Who knows? I thought, who cares?

Jane and I were getting ready to leave for work Monday morning when a strange flicker caught our attention: A reading lamp glowed beside the bed, and the digits on the clock radio were blinking. Jane gleefully grabbed her hair dryer; I just turned that lamp off and on again.

Big grins spread across our faces. Tomorrow, I thought, I'm going to toast an English muffin.

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"We're very pleased and feel fortunate e selected for this loan," said Albert sti, vice president of Hoke Rubber. "It l definitely help the economy in the a and provide more employment."

The loan was awarded by the Rural ctrification Administration under a new gram to promote rural economic devel- ment and rural job creation.

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Norman York, the EMC's plant engineer for 18 years, was on hand at the recent ceremony dedicating the $1.3 million York Substation in Bladen County, near Garland.

Norman York

York, a native of Greensboro, graduated from North Carolina State University in 1934 with a degree in electrical engineering. He worked for Carolina Light and Power Company and the City of Kinston before joining Four County EMC in 1956. He retired in 1974 but continued to handle special projects for the co-op as a consultant.

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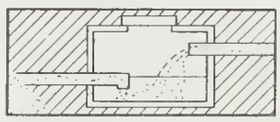

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D.C. Tourists Keep Up Strenuous Pace Despite 90-Degree Weather

A hot summer swelter didn't slow the pace for the 41 North Carolina young people who participated in the 1989 Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington in June.

With temperatures reaching into the 90s, the Tar Heel students never missed a beat during the fun-filled but strenuous week-long visit to the nation's capital. The annual tour, an educational program for rising high school seniors, is coordinated by the statewide organization of Electric Membership Corporations (EMCs).

The tourists, sponsored by local EMCs, took in the sights of the capital, but also learned about the workings of a cooperative, operating a "soda-pop co-op," which supplied affordable soft drinks to thirsty students at less than "big-city" prices.

"It was really nice to purchase drinks—and for only 40 cents," said Heidi Wiese of Valdese, who represented Rutherford EMC, Forest City. "The co-op was a neat way to help us understand how a co-op really worked—now I understand."

BELOW—Participants in North Carolina's 1989 Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington visited the offices of the state's congressmen and senators. This group chatted with First District Rep. Walter Jones, who is seated at his desk. ABOVE RIGHT—The group also enjoyed dinner and a play at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. This dinner foursome included, from the left, Lynette Brown of Rt. 1, Fleetwood; Michael Peedin of Rt. 5, Goldsboro; Jennifer Crawford of Rt. 1, Mooresville and Peter Rhyne of Rt. 7, Boone. RIGHT—Bob Bergland, executive vice president of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), addresses Youth Tourists from across the nation before a Quiz Bowl competition sponsored by NRECA.

Serving as the co-op's manager was M Myrick of Rt. 2, Aulander, who represente Roanoke EMC, Rich Square.

He said, "I enjoyed the job of manage even though I had to get up early to get ic *(See story, page 26, for more details.)*

Sightseeing kept the tourists busy thr out the week. They visited Arlington Natio Cemetery, the Washington Monument, the Smithsonian Institute and Mount Vernon— name just a few. They also called on memb the North Carolina congressional delegatio

"I loved the whole trip," said Beth Nic of Rt. 3, Clayton, GA, who represented Hay wood EMC, Waynesville. "But if I had to ch the best thing, it would be the visit with m gressman. That was very inspiring."

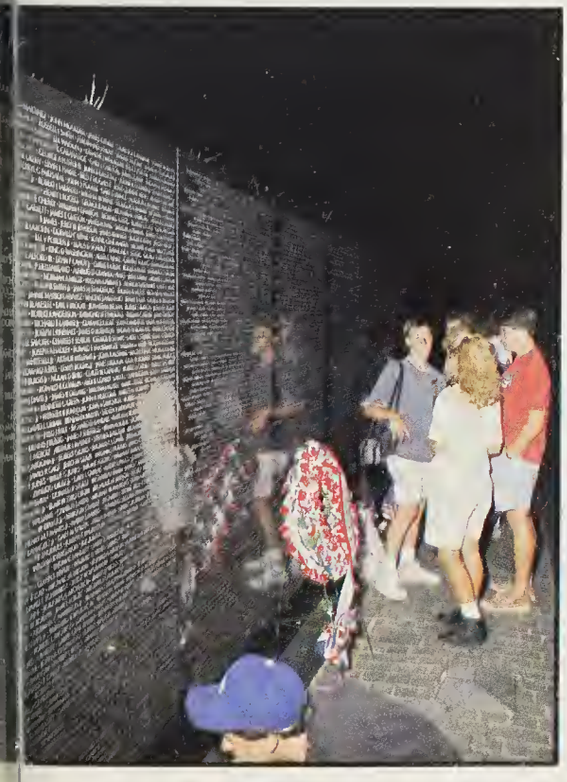
The students were encouraged to trade col-ples with tourists from other states. Since could exchange with more than 1,000 fel-outh tourists, some Tar Heels racked up a collection.

Angela Teachey of Rose Hill, who repre-ed Four County EMC, Burgaw, was the top feel collector with a total of 28 items.

But, of course, the friendships that devel-during the trip stood out most for many of tudents.

"I enjoyed meeting 40 of the greatest peo-ver," said Anissa Jones of Rt. 1, Seven gs, who represented Tri-County EMC, ey.

For information about plans for the 90 Rural Electric Youth Tour, contact ur local EMC office or write to: Ms. rrie Constantinos, N. C. Association of ctric Cooperatives, P.O. Box 27306, leigh, NC 27611.



Carolina Youth Tourists gather at the m War Memorial. The wall was one of sev-onuments the students visited during their ng stay in the nation's capital.

RIGHT—The bus trip home gave the students a chance to relax after a busy week in Washington. Denise Absher of Rt. 4, Sparta, curled up with a zoo memento to "catch some Z's." BELOW—The tour ended in Raleigh, where the tourists had to say farewell to the friends they'd made during the trip.

Editors Named For Tour Newsletter

Two North Carolina Rural Electric Youth Tour participants have been named editors of the group's newsletter, "Post Washington."

Kathy Flick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ray Herbert of Jacksonville, was selected as the newsletter's editor. She was sponsored on the tour by Jones-Onslow Electric Membership Corporation (EMC), Jacksonville.

Pam Locklear, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Locklear of Laurinburg, was named assistant editor. She was sponsored on the tour by Lumbee River EMC, Red Springs.

The "Post Washington" newsletter will be distributed this summer to participants in the 1989 tour. It will include articles, essays and poems written by the 41 youth tourists, describing their experiences while visiting the nation's capital.

The newsletter was adopted as a regular part of the tour program after its inaugural issue was published for participants in the 1988 tour.

Enterprise Offers Students Hands-On Experience In Running A Cooperative

Seven North Carolina rising high school seniors, representing six of the state's Electric Membership Corporations (EMCs), were selected for leadership roles in the 1989 Rural Electric Youth Tour's "soda-pop co-op."

Owned and operated by the 41 Tar Heel Youth Tour participants, the co-op gave students a chance to learn how cooperatives work while also providing the group with affordable soft drinks.

A $1 membership fee was charged to each Youth Tour member, with canned soft drink priced at 40 cents each—far less than Washington area prices, which can go as high as $1.

At the end of the tour, the co-op was disbanded. After covering expenses and other operating costs, margins were refunded to the members. These "capital credits" amounted to 12 cents per can.

The co-op was operated by a five-member board of directors, with day-to-day operations handled by a manager and assistant manager.

Serving as the "soda-pop co-op's" manager was Mike Myrick of Rt. 2, Aulander, representing Roanoke EMC, Rich Square. Anissa Jones of Rt. 1, Seven Springs, representing Tri-County EMC, Dudley, served as the co-op's assistant manager.

Serving on the co-op's board of directors were: Robbie Guptill of Burgaw and Angela Teachey of Rose Hill, both representing Four County EMC, Burgaw; Lisa Hall of Spring Lake, representing South River EMC, Dunn; Sherry Whitaker of Rt. 2, Randleman, representing Randolph EMC, Asheboro and Neal Upright of North Wilkesboro, representing Blue Ridge EMC, Lenoir.

Guptill Appointed National Youth Boa

A Pender County high school studer been selected as North Carolina's represe tive on the Youth Consulting Board (YCB the National Rural Electric Cooperative A ciation (NRECA).

Robbie Guptill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bass of Burgaw, was selected for

board post from among the 41 Ta Heel high schoo dents who partic pated in the 198 Rural Electric Yo Tour to Washing

The nationa youth board part pates in various p grams of the association and serves as an sory group regarding youth activities.

Guptill, who attends Pender High Sc was sponsored on the tour by Four Coun Electric Membership Corporation, Burga

While on the Youth Tour, Guptill se as president of the board of directors of t student-owned "soda-pop co-op," which plied soft drinks to the youth group duri the trip.

Selected as the state's YCB alternate gate was Lisa Ha who represente South River EMC Dunn.

The daught Mr. and Mrs. Ho Hall of Spring La Hall attends We Harnett High Sc She also re sented the Tar Heel group in a Youth Tou Quiz Bowl competition while in Washin The competition was part of Youth Day sponsored by NRECA for students from t various states participating in the progra

Hall will also represent North Caro EMCs at the National Institute for Coope Education in Indianapolis, IN, later this y

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The event will mark the 20th anniversary of the N. C. Agribusiness Council—an independent organization with more than 200 members. The Raleigh-based council is involved with farming, processing and marketing operations in North Carolina.

Laughery, who has been CEO at Hardee's since 1975, leads one of the state's largest businesses—with more than 3,000 restaurants nationwide. Under his leadership, Hardee's now ranks as the nation's third largest hamburger fast food chain.

The 53-year-old Laughery began his food-service career in 1962 as a manager/trainee at Sandy's Food Systems in Davenport, IA. By 1971, he had risen through the ranks to head the company.

Ten years later, Laughery negotiated the merger between Sandy's and Hardee's, establishing the corporate headquarters in Rocky Mount. He was named president and chief operating officer of the merged company in 1973 and was named president and CEO two years later.

In 1981, Hardee's was acquired by the Canadian-based Imasco Ltd., which Laughery serves as a board member.

During his tenure at Hardee's, Laughery has been nationally recognized for his leadership efforts. He was named Man of the Year by *Nation's Restaurant News* in 1987, and was named N. C. Restauranteur of the Year in 1980 and 1983.

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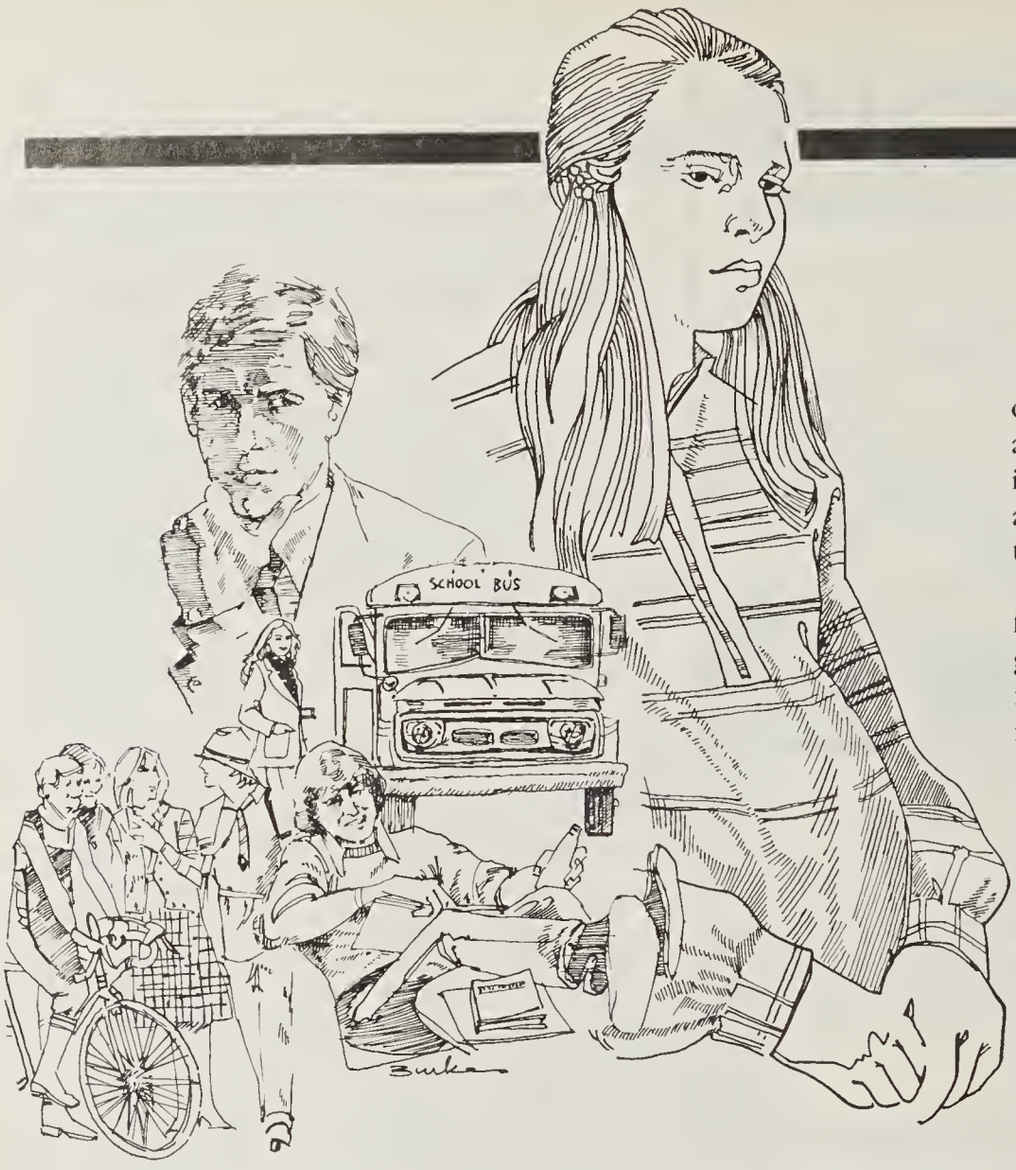

Children Having Children

A Gaston county extension agent has developed a program to help families talk about sexual activity among teens.

On average, 75 girls between the ages of 10 and 19 become pregnant every day in North Carolina. Very few of these pregnancies are to teenagers who are already married.

What is behind this epidemic of children having children?

Elaine Roux, Gaston County extension home economics agent, says many factors contribute to sexual activity in teens. She is a co-author of "Let's Talk," a workbook and workshop designed to help get parents and teens to talking about sex.

Here are some of the key points she makes:

- Teenagers may find it difficult to say "no," because they are afraid to lose their girl friend or boy friend.
- People who feel hopeless about their future believe in seeking pleasure for the moment.
- Families with severe financial problems or emotional difficulties often have trouble providing guidance and emotional support for their children.
- Teenagers are risk-takers. They seldom believe that anything bad will happen to them, so they don't worry about pregnancy or sexually-transmitted diseases.
- Some teens believe it would be wrong to plan sexual activity, so they just let it happen. Then they can tell themselves that having sex was okay or just a mistake, not a sin. Younger tee agers are still at the point where planning ah is very difficult. They tend to think of the her and-now and not about the consequences of their behavior.
- Since parents and teenagers aren't co fortable talking to each other about sex, teer get their ideas elsewhere. "The most powerf means of communications in our society are ing teens some strong messages about sex," Roux points out. Radio, TV programs, adver tisements and music videos imply that "ever one's doing it."
- Some parents still believe in the dou standard. The double standard and society's message that "everybody's doing it" make it cult for teenagers to say no to premarital se
- Teenagers may feel that having sex c child gives them adult status. A teenage boy who cannot get a job may feel like a man if h fathers a child.
- Many teenagers have access to a car plenty of unsupervised free time. Teens use get pregnant in the back seat of a car, but st ies today have shown that a young woman i most likely to get pregnant having sex with boy friend in her parents' home.
- Some teenagers are ignorant about c traception, or they may feel that it's just too ficult to get.
- Some teens have sex as a means of r ling against their parents.
- Alcohol or drugs can often lead to unplanned sex.
- Some unhappy teens feel that having baby may bring them closer to their parent boy friend, may be the basis of a happy fam life or may supply them with love.
- Few teenagers know what they're g ting into when they decide to have a baby. little or no knowledge of the 24-hour-a-day responsibility involved in being a parent, th have difficulty making an informed decisio

Gaston County's "Let's Talk" campaig sponsored by the Agricultural Extension Se and the Adolescent Health Council of Gast County. Its purpose is to get families to talk about sexuality and to encourage parents t provide sex education for their children.

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Thousands of people living in North Caro-
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if you have been looking forward to leav-
e sunny shores and setting up house-
in the south of France, remember that
many Americans have had the same thought and you will doubtless find an "American colony" where you settle.

If you are a war bride who has always wanted to go "back home" to Australia or New Zealand—or many other very friendly areas—then you can count on getting the checks you are entitled to. Some may choose the eool climes of England or Scotland.

But there are many economie aspects to consider. In some foreign lands, where you may have thought living costs would be a comparative bargain, your dollar may not go as far as you expect. And although you can always rent a place to stay, some very friendly nations will not allow you to own real estate—even if you have the full price of a cottage in a small town or an apartment in a large city.

There are several ways you can cheek out the prospeets for a foreign country where you might want to spend your relaxing years. If you have relatives in that land, they can doubtless be very helpful. If that's not an option, you might eontact the Washington embassy of your destination country. They should be able to provide up-to-date information. If all else fails, you can always sample the place where you might want to settle. Just renew your passport and plan to spend several weeks—or several months—in the new location.

Is the water safe to drink? What about living costs? Do the native dishes rest well on your taste buds?

If everything works out, you can move at your own paee. Come back home, clear your decks, sell the house—maybe even buy a new car. You might find it difficult to match your present automobile in the new location. And you can get your American car altered to use the leaded gasoline still common in overseas locations.

It's a big world, with a lot of choices in it. And you will never h more freedom of choice than you do after you retire. Most private sions will send your check wherever you say. And you have contr of your personal investments that have helped provide for your years as retiree. Only you can decide what you want to do—and where you wa to do it?

Still Partying At 102

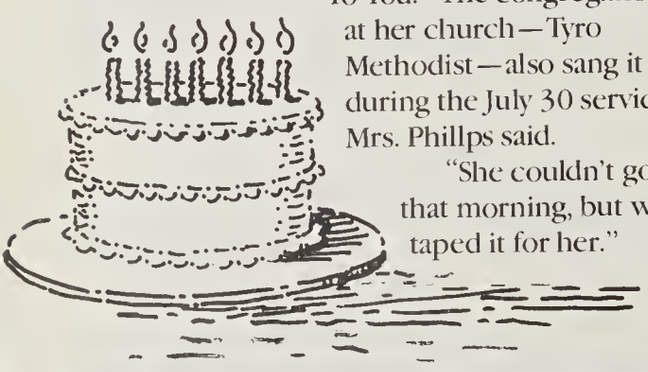
Mrs. George ("Aunt Sallie") Parnell of Rt. 22, Lexington, joined family, friends and neighbors for an outdoor party to mark her July 29 birthday—when she turned 102.

"It wasn't a big party—maybe about 50 of us altogether," said Carolyn Phillips, Mrs. Parnell's daughter. "We had a really big party when she turned 100. About 300 came to that."

We wrote last month about the tribute "Aunt Sallie" received from Davidson County artist Dempsey Essick, who had done a limited edition print depicting one of her handmade rugs and part of her antique loom. He presented her with print No. 1.

Essick and wife Shelley were on hand for the party, which featured cake, homemade ice cream and a rousing chorus of "Happy Birthday To You." The congregation at her church—Tyro Methodist—also sang it during the July 30 service, Mrs. Phillps said.

"She couldn't go that morning, but we taped it for her."



Birthday Salute Written As A Welcome For School Kid

The familiar song that was sung as part of "Aunt Sallie" Parnell's birthday celebration is regarded as the world's most frequently perform piece of music. But it didn't start out as a birthday salute.

The song was originally published in an 1893 book under the title "Good Morning To All." It was written as a morning welcome for scho children. The melody was composed by Mildred Hill, a church organis and concert pianist. Her sister, Patty Smith Hill, wrote the lyrics. They were both on the staff of a Louisville kindergarten.

Although the sisters copyrighted the song in 1893, it appeared in 1924 songbook with the "happy birthday"lyrics as its second stanza. Th version was reprinted several times over the next 10 years.

The copyright violation was finally challenged when the tune was sung as part of a 1934 Broadway musical. The Hill family sued and won right to royalties whenever the song was performed commercially. The show dropped the number and Western Union stopped offering the so for its popular singing telegrams.

Career Spanned Period Of Tremendous Chang

A couple of interesting footnotes emerged from the media coverage of the recent change-of-command at Crescent Electric Membership Corporation, Statesville.

Donald D. Rice stepped down as the EMC's executive vice president and general manager June 30, ending a 42-year career in the North Carolina rural electric program.

Rice, a Pamlico County native, began his co-op career in 1947 as an employee of Pamlico-Beaufort EMC, which later became part of Tideland EMC, Pantego. He was named manager of the EMC in 1951—at age 27. He was the state's youngest co-op manager.

In 1964 he moved to the manager's post at Cornelius EMC in Mecklenburg County. When that co-op merged with Davie EMC in Davie County in 1970, he became general manager of the newly formed Crescent EMC.

When Rice was preparing to retire, he pointed out that his career had spanned a period of tremendous change for the state's electric co-ops: None of the EMC managers who were in place when he first became a manager remained in those jobs when he retired.

In recent years, Rice indirectly had a hand in some of these management changes.

A resolution from the Crescent EMC board, saluting Rice upon his retirement, cited him for his "skillful management." It noted that he had "inspired and edu ed his staff to the extent that three employees have b selected as genera managers of rural tric cooperatives."

One of the thre R. B. Sloan Jr., a 16 year employee at Crescent who is R successor. He mo up from his post a manager of engine ing and operation

Motorist's Prayer

The following prayer appeared in a t bulletin from First Baptist Church of gh. It came from Tom Currin, a retired ound bus driver who said he'd begun trips with it. His mother had given ne prayer when he was 26 years old.

Lord, impress on me the great respon- y that is mine when I get behind the of my automobile. When I would be ss, remind me that I have in my hands wer of life and death. Write indelibly my consciousness that I am a potential rer, that in one careless moment I put an end to the lives of some inno- ictim, my family and my own life.

Help me to be thoughtful, patient and trol of myself as I drive this car. Help extend the same kindness and consid- n to others that I would like them to l to me.

Give me, Oh Lord, a sense of perspec- et me never become so foolish that I take a chance with my own life or e else's just to save a few minutes. You too well, Oh Lord, that heaven is full ple who made that mistake. Amen."

er is Philip neral man- Union EMC, who served ce for 17 fore moving . In addition, oaf left Cres- 976 to join of the EMCs' e organiza- became man- Wake EMC, rest, in 1980 ed in the post 4. He left the gram to start business serving the co-ops.

The resolution honoring Rice pointed out that under his guidance the co-op had a 300 percent increase in kilowatt hour sales while its membership more than doubled.

"For whatever contribution I've made to the Crescent success story," Rice told a newspaper reporter, "I'm grateful I had the opportunity to contribute."

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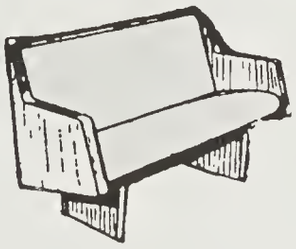

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